Film Distribution network in the Country by N.F.D.C.

3363. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) propose to reorganise film distribution network in the country by expanding its production and film financing activities;

(b) whether the NFDC has submitted proposals to the Planning Commission for clearance;

(c) if so, what are the details of the proposals;

(d) whether due to video piracy in the country, the National Film Development Corporation has failed to promote film industry; and

(e) if so, what is reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of the proposals of the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) for the Plan outlay of the Corporation during Eighth Five Year Plan are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(d) and (e) Video Piracy is posing a major problem in promoting the interests of the film industry. The NFDC, alongwith Trade bodies of the Industry, have promoted a company called 'INFACT' to help combat video piracy. The State Governments have also been requested to take stringent action under the Copy Right Act to curb piracy.

Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

Activity	Proposed plan Outlay
Film Financing and Production	3070
Theatre Construction	1730
Import and Distribution	1800
Projects-Replacement and Modernisation	300
TOTAL	6900

टेलीविजन पर राष्ट्रीय कार्यक्रम के लिए समाचारों का चयन

3364. डा. अबरार अहमद खान: क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) टेलीविजन पर राष्ट्रीय कार्यक्रम में दिए जाने वाले समाचारों का चयन कौन करता है तथा क्या इसके लिए कोई मानदण्ड या नीति निर्धारित की गई है और क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने इसके लिए संबंधित अधिकारियों को कोई दिशानिर्देश जारी किए हैं या इस संबंध में निर्णय दो-तीन अधिकारियों की इच्छा पर छोड़ा हुआ है;

(ख) क्या टेलीविजन के समाचार संपादकों को राजस्थान के बाढ़-पीड़ित व्यक्तियों की सहायतार्थ एक संसद सदस्य द्वारा 11 और 12 अगस्त को प्रधान मंत्री निवास पर धरना दिए जाने से

संबंधित समाचार प्राप्त हुआ था; यदि हां, तो उसे समाचारों में सम्मिलित न किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि समाचारों के प्रसारण का स्तर घटिया और आम आदमी से दूर होता जा रहा है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी. उपेन्द्र) : (क) और (ख) दूरदर्शन के संपादकीय कर्मचारियों द्वारा समाचार बुलेटिनों में विभिन्न समाचारों का समावेश समाचारिक महत्व और प्रसारण समय की उपलब्धता के अनुसार दिया जाता है ।

(ग) जी, नहीं । दूसरी ओर पिछले कुछ महीनों के दौरान समाचार प्रसारण की गुणवत्ता में, उनके प्रस्तुतीकरण और वस्तुनिष्ठ कवरेज दोनों में महत्वपूर्ण सुधार हुआ है ।

Study of the Working of Electronic Media

3365. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to USA and UK, he took the opportunity to study the working of electronic media there including the BBC and the American television network; and

(b) if so, what was the outcome thereof, indicating the extent of autonomy exercised by them and the nature and extent of Government control on them?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The visit was utilised to study the working of BBC and the American Television networks.

The functioning of BBC is governed by the Royal Charter and a Licence and Agreemnt executed with the British Government. According to the provisions of these documents, Government can exercise considerable control over the Broadcasting Corporation.

The American Television Network is mostly privately owned and not subject to Government controls.

Cooperation amongst India Soivet Union and China in Economic Fields

3366. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for cooperation amongst India, Soviet Union and China in various economic fields was discussed during Prime Minister's recent visit to the Soviet Union; and

(b) if so, what are the main outlines of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) and (b) During PM's recent visit to USSR, general discussions were held about exploring the possibilities for mutually advantageous trade and economic cooperation between the three countries. No formal proposals have been made nor are any concrete projects for trilateral economic cooperation under consideration.

Amnesty International

3367. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the entry of Amnesty International into India was banned;